COURSE DESCRIPTION

Chen Style Tai Chi is regarded as the oldest of the five major tai chi styles (Chen, Yang, Wu, Hao and Sun). Chen Style Tai Chi is known for its low stance (chan si jin) and bursts of short, fast, explosive power (fa jin). It is more physically demanding than other forms of tai chi and combines athleticism with internal qi cultivation. In this class students gain understanding of the history and theory of Chen Style Tai Chi through the practice of basic principles, breathing techniques, movements, and centering techniques.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

COURSE PREREQUISITIES

REQUIRED TEXTS

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

60% Attendance and Participation
20% Midterm Examination
20% Final Examination

Absence Policy: Separate from individual course requirements, ECTOM Students must attend no less than 80% of course hours to pass that class. Students who miss more than 2 classes in a 10 week course (1 class in a 7 week course) will earn an F in that course. Any two occurrences of late arrivals or early departures, of 15 minutes or more, will constitute as 1 absence.

GRADING SCALE: 100-90% A, 89-80% B, 79-70% C, 69% and below F

SPECIAL NOTES

CLASS ONE (The syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.)
Introduction to Chen style Tai Chi Quan, Chansijing
Chen style first routine
1. Preparing Form
2. Buddha's Warrior Attendant Pounds Mortar

CLASS TWO
3. Lazily Tying Coat
4. Six Sealing and Four Closing
5. Single Whip
6. Buddha's Warrior Attendant Pounds Mortar

CLASS THREE
7. White Crane Spreads Wings
8. Walking Obliquely with Twist Step on both sides
9. First Closing

CLASS FOUR
10. Wade Forward with Twist Step on both sides
11. Walking Obliquely with Twist Step on both sides
12. Second Closing

CLASS FIVE
Midterm Examination (20%)

CLASS SIX
13. Wade Forward with Twist Step on both sides
14. Hidden Thrust Punch
15. Buddha's Warrior Attendant Pounds Mortar

CLASS SEVEN
20. Change Palms Three Times
21. Punch at Elbow's Bottom
22. Step Back and Whirl Arms on both sides
23. Step Back and Press Elbow
24. Middle Winding

CLASS EIGHT
20. Change Palms Three Times
21. Punch at Elbow's Bottom
22. Step Back and Whirl Arms on both sides
23. Step Back and Press Elbow
24. Middle Winding

CLASS NINE
25. White Crane Spreads Wings
26. Wade Forward with Twist Step on both sides
27. Flash the Back
28. Hidden Thrust Punch
29. Six Sealing and Four Closing
30. Single Whip

CLASS TEN
Review
Final Examination (20%)

CLASS ELEVEN
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